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SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION

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1. INDIAN EMBOFFS (MINISTER DIXIT AND SCIATT ANANDAKRISHNAN CALLED AUGUST 1 ON OES DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GANLEY. RICHMOND (OES/APT) AND BROWN (NEA/INS) SAT IN.

2. GANLEY (WHO WILL ACT AS U.S. CHAIRMAN) PROPOSED S&T MEETING BE HELD IN NEW DELHI SEPT. 15-16, PER REFTELS. DIXIT STATED THAT AMBASSADOR KAUL'S POSITION WAS THAT EITHER ALL OR NONE OF THE THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS SHOULD MEET BEFORE THE FULL JOINT COMMISSION, APPARENTLY FOR REASONS OF BUREAUCRATIC "SYMMETRY." WE QUESTIONED RELEVANCE OR DESIRABILITY OF EXACT SYMMETRY AMONG THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS AND EXPLAINED OUR INTER-RELATED REASONS FOR SUGGESTING EARLY S&T MEETING: DESIRE FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF SOME SUBCOMMISSION PROJECTS BEFORE FULL JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, AS WELL AS NEED FOR AGREEMENT ON PROTECTION OF JOINT PROJECTS FROM UNWARRANTED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICALLY INSPIRED CRITICISM. WE SAW NO SIMILAR PROBLEMS

REQUIRING MEETING OF OTHER TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS BEFORE JOINT COMMISSION SESSION. DIXIT PROMISED TO CABLE DELHI IMMEDIATELY ON OUR PROPOSAL AND HOPED FOR RESPONSE WITHIN THE WEEK

3. IN DISCUSSING THIS QUESTION WITH GOI, YOU SHOULD STRESS OUR DESIRE FOR PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IN S&T AREA WHICH IN OUR VIEW NECESSITATES EARLY S&T MEETING.

4. FYI: GANLEY WILL BE HEADING THE U.S. SIDE BECAUSE OF INABILITY OF ACTING OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY KRATZER TO FIT INDIA TRIP INTO HIS SCHEDULE. END FYI INGERSOLL

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